

AGM 2017 St Joseph's Primary School Pinjarra

Board Chairpersons Report.

Good evening Ladies and Gentlemen and welcome to the 2017 Annual General Meeting of St Joseph's Primary School. For those of you who don't know me, my name is Michael Ferraro and I am the Chairperson of the St. Joseph's School Board. On behalf of the School Board it is with great pleasure that I present the Chairperson's Report for 2017.

Firstly I acknowledge my fellow Board Members, Evelyn Slattery, Janet Conte, Janine Elliott and Tara Hey, our Parish Priest Father Gayan Thamel, the Principal Joy Ketteringham, the Assistant Principals Lisa Ripley and Vanessa Lenzarini, plus the wonderful, dedicated and committed teaching and support staff. It has been a pleasure to work with the school Leadership team and Father Gayan throughout 2017.

The Board farewells Evelyn Slattery and Janet Conte at the end of this year. Evelyn has been a member of the School Board for six years and Janet has been a member for three years. The Board would like to acknowledge the outstanding contribution and commitment that Evelyn and Janet have made during their time on the School Board. Their support and knowledge has been exceptional. This leaves the School Board with two vacancies which need to be filled. If there is someone in the school community who would like to volunteer to serve on the School Board please contact the Principal for further information. For those of you who are unsure of the role of the St Joseph's School Board, I'd like to give a brief overview of the role. The School Board oversees the financial running of the school and acts in an advisory capacity to the Principal when required on financial and strategic matters. The Board meets once a month on a Thursday evening to discuss matters relating to

policy, financial matters, resourcing of equipment, building and general maintenance as well as future development and planning.

I am pleased to report on behalf of the School Board that the building process for the kindergarten area has commenced and the build should be completed in time for the commencement of the 2018 school year.

Playgroup was successful in 2017 and will it be continuing in 2018.

I'd like to finish by thanking all the people who contribute to our school community of St Joseph's. I would like to extend a special thank you to the teaching staff, teaching support staff, administration staff, the cleaners, grounds person and the canteen ladies, for their continued efforts this year.

On behalf of the board I would also like to thank the parent volunteers that work tirelessly in the P&F, in the Uniform Shop and the Canteen. We're also very lucky to have many dedicated parents that contribute in so many different ways. We are very grateful to all the parents that do so much at St Joseph's and I can't thank them enough.

Finally, as we look ahead to 2018, I encourage everyone to make a positive and constructive contribution to make St Joseph's a special place of learning for our children.

Thank-you God Bless and have a wonderful have a wonderful Christmas.

Michael Ferraro

Chairperson of the St. Joseph's School Board